

# SAVE THE DATE! JANUARY 29, 2010

## **OPPORTUNITY \* COMMUNITY \* EMPOWERMENT**

**A Forum on Collaborative Solutions to Inclusive and Sustainable  
Community Economic Development in the Yakima Valley**

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**Celebration of the Community Economic Development Clinic**

The clinic is an innovative pilot project of Heritage University in collaboration with various local and statewide community partners, schools, and legal aid programs to educate and develop local students who will provide project consultation services to low-income groups aimed at strengthening and spurring community economic development in the Yakima Valley.

**PLACE: HERITAGE UNIVERSITY**

**3240 FORT RD**

**TOPPENISH, WA 98948**

**DATE: FRIDAY, JANUARY 29, 2009**

**TIME: 10AM-3PM**

**COST: FREE**

**\*LUNCH PROVIDED\***

### **Keynote Speaker:**

Professor John A. Powell, Executive Director of the Kirwan Institute on Race and Poverty of The Ohio State University. Professor Powell, a lawyer and academic, is an internationally recognized authority on civil rights and community development. Under Professor Powell's leadership, The Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity has taken a national leadership role in developing, advocating for and researching an opportunity-based model of community development. This model provides a critical and creative framework for thinking about how an individual's destiny is impacted by where they live. The central principle of this model is that residents of metropolitan regions, for example, are situated within a complex and interconnected web of opportunity structures that significantly shapes their quality of life. These opportunity structures include education, health care, employment, transportation, and civic engagement. Join Professor Powell in dialogue with community stakeholders and Heritage University students to identify collaborative solutions to opportunity,

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